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Title: MACHINE FOR RIGHTING AND ALIGNING ARTICLES USING DROP CHUTES  
COMPRISING MULTIPLE COMPARTMENTS  
Docket No.: TJA-115US

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References WO 01/40084, ES2049601, WO 99/59904 and ES2163957 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith these references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609A(3), second paragraph.

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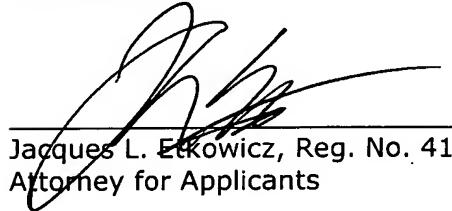
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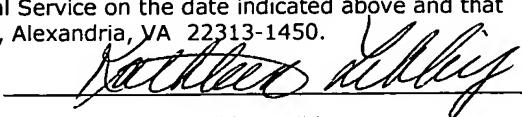
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